

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1837

Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland

January 24, 2002

An act to add and repeal Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 15770) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to in-home caregivers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1837, as introduced, Strickland. In-home Caregiver Training Pilot Program.

Existing law provides for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, under which, either through employment by the recipient, or by or through contract by the county, qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons receive services enabling them to remain in their own homes. Counties are responsible for the administration of the IHSS program. Under the Medi-Cal program, similar services are provided to eligible individuals, with these services known as personal care option services.

Existing law imposes various functions and duties on the California Department of Aging with respect to the administration and development of programs for older individuals.

This bill, until January 1, 2006, would establish the In-Home Caregiver Training Pilot Program, administered by the department, whereby grants would be awarded to 3 counties applying to participate by meeting certain requirements for purposes of establishing in that county a caregiver training program and an employment referral registry for those persons who have completed the training program.

The bill would also require the department to study the feasibility of adopting a statewide in-home caregiver training program and

establishing a statewide employment referral registry for those who have completed the program, and to prepare a report on the success of the pilot program for presentation to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 15770)
2 is added to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions
3 Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 14. IN-HOME CAREGIVER TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM
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7 15770. As used in this chapter, the following definitions
8 apply:

9 (a) "Department" means the California Department of Aging.

10 (b) "In-Home caregiver" means any person employed to
11 provide services under Article 7 (commencing with Section
12 12300) of Chapter 3 or Section 14132.95, or any person employed
13 on a private-pay basis to provide similar types of services.

14 15771. There is hereby established the In-Home Caregiver
15 Training Pilot Program, administered by the department, whereby
16 grants shall be awarded to three counties that apply for a grant for
17 purposes of establishing in the county a caregiver training program
18 and an employment referral registry for those persons who have
19 completed the training program.

20 15772. A county electing to apply for a grant pursuant to this
21 chapter shall develop training curricula, which shall be reviewed
22 by the department, pursuant to guidelines established by the
23 department.

24 15773. (a) The department shall study the feasibility of
25 adopting a statewide in-home caregiver training program and
26 establishing a statewide employment referral registry for those
27 persons who have completed the training program. The
28 department shall prepare a report on the success of the pilot
29 program.

30 (b) The study and the report specified in subdivision (a) shall
31 be presented to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2006.



1 15774. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January
2 1, 2006, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
3 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2006, deletes or extends
4 that date.

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